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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Balaji Venkataraman)
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Application No.: **10/635,928**) Examiner: **Not assigned**
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Filed: **August 6, 2003**) Art Unit: **Not assigned**
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For: **VITAMIN COMPOSITIONS**)
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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO
37 CFR § 1.102 AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02 (VIII)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 (d) that the above-identified application be made special. This petition is accompanied by 1) a statement that a pre-examination search was made including a listing the fields of search; 2) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims; and 3) a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion point out, with particularity, how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 is also attached for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any

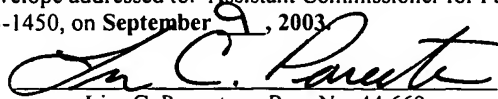
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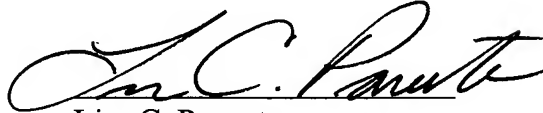
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additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit
Account No. 11-0855. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
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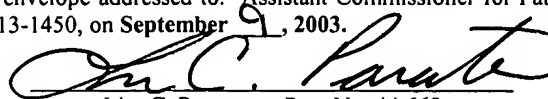
Sir:

I, Lisa C. Pavento, am an attorney for the applicant in the above-identified application, and I hereby state the following:

1. Pre-examination searches have been conducted. U.S. patents, PCT Publications and U.S. journal publications were searched for different combinations of the following terms: folic, folate, vitamin B12, cobalamin, hydroxocobalamin, vitamin B6, calcium, magnesium, vitamin E, niacin, vitamin D, vitamin C, therapy, treat, prevent, cardio, artery, vascular, coronary, vein, circulation and modifications and extensions thereof. U.S. Patents were also searched in Class

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514, Subclasses 904 and 905, Class 426, Subclasses 72 and 73, Class 424, Subclasses 678, 681, 682, 683, 686, 692, 693, 696 and 697.

2. One copy of each reference identified in a pre-examination search and deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims is provided herewith in an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449.

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